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THE ZWINGLY CLASS

Members and friends of Grace Church, allow us to introduce the ladies of the Zwingly Class! This is the original Bible Class of Grace Reformed Church, though judging from the youthful looks of the ladies in the picture below, you may not believe it. But it is truly so. For a considerable number of years it was a mixed class, composed of young ladies, older ladies, young men and older men, and was

left, but these were the faithful few, and they saw in their extremity their opportunity. One night before prayer meeting, a meeting of these ladies took place and there was promptly organized the Zwingly Class, named after Ulrich Zwingly, one of the greater men of our dear Reformed Church. Officers were elected, and a charter was thereupon secured, and everything was ready for active work.



generally taught by the pastor of the church. Dr. Zartman had the class under his care and keeping for a good many years. The plan was all right in a way, but it did not lead to the most aggressive work. Finally, several years ago, the men of the class withdrew and started a class of their own. Still later the young married ladies withdrew, forming the Heidelberg Class. There seemed to be only a few members

The first effort made was to get new members, and the class grew rapidly. Several months ago there was a lively contest between the men and the ladies and, of course, the ladies won, and the number on the roll of the class is now forty-five. Where in Grace Church is a class with a better record? Its motto is: "Praying is Winning," and a class with such a motto is bound to succeed. The teacher of this class—and a wide-awake teacher he is—is Mr. Koepf.

VACATION DUTIES

Rev. Nevin H. Schaaf.

Sounds strange, doesn't it? Somehow we can hardly make ourselves admit those two words should be joined together. They do seem contradictory; and besides, when one's on a vacation he doesn't care about thinking of his duties, and when he's toiling away at his duties he is too busy to remember that there ever was such an institution as a vacation.

And yet those words are twin brothers. Their life and their life-giving power are derived from the same source—human need. Without duties vacations would be an anomaly; without vacations, of some sort, duties would be crushing. The conditions and circumstances of modern life introduce us, normally, to just one of these at a time. We must fellowship a season with the one before we can hope to meet the other. Perhaps this is well; perhaps not so well.

Have you ever taken the vacation spirit with you to your duties—the spirit that is vigilantly alert for the new, enthusiastically conformable to the strange, and joyously intent to make the very most out of each day of grace? To be sure you have, and on those occasions your work went along much better and you realized that you were living. You found it was well to have these twin brothers as company for each other.

But have you ever, consciously, taken the spirit of duty along with you on your vacation? That doesn't mean to ask if you've taken the cares of the office or the shop or the home along with you. Once you embark on that restful vacation season those things are no longer your first duty. Forget them as much as you can. They are the things which make vacations necessary, and vacation loses its name if they get carried along with the baggage. Chances are, you'll meet them soon enough without procuring passage and berth for

them. But this does mean to ask, have you ever taken vacationing as a serious and solemn, albeit a happy and joyous duty? Have you really intended to make yourself a more efficient human mechanism, a keener mentality, or a more sensitive spirit while on that vacation? Those are the respects in which, in the very nature of things, duty encroaches upon your vacation. Whether you go to the movies or to the mountains, to the lakes or to land's end, these duties are yours; and vacation will be worthy the name only as you fulfill and discharge this responsibility. Vacation means in its highest sense that you're trying to be more nearly the man God intended you to be. Go forth, then! exercise those neglected muscles; commune with the master minds of the ages, letting them direct your brain-process along uncharted, unfamiliar channels; look upon nature in her varied moods realizing that behind nature is nature's God and remembering that no power in nature, in volcano, in storm, or in sea, powerful tho they be, can even be compared to the power of the risen Saviour and Redeemer—go forth and grow, strengthen the very roots of your being, and upon your return to your familiar tasks you'll know you've had a real vacation. Vacation and duty—this duty—are twin brothers. If you would live well, presume not to separate them.

Mrs. Heyman, of South Calhoun St., who has been ill, is able to be out again.

Mrs. Sarah Knight, of Randolph St., spent a few days recently in Richmond, Ind., visiting her son, James Knight, and family.

Mrs. Gooley and family motored to Huntington, Ind., recently and spent a day with relatives and friends.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The addresses of many of our members are not to be found on the church records. Will you kindly hand the pastor your present address? This means you.

"GIVING DAY" GREAT SUCCESS

Grace Church is to be congratulated on the splendid results obtained on Giving Sunday, July 15, when, as if by an outburst of good will, and with short preparation, nearly one thousand dollars was raised. The thanks of the church are due Mr. Baumgartner, who with great enthusiasm worked up the event, and the Rev. Mr. Reemsnyder, of Bluffton, whose inspiring talk and personality made a half-hearted response an impossibility. Some long-cherished hopes are at last to be realized, and repairs and improvements to church building and parsonage, needed oh, so badly, are at last to be made. Deep should be the regret of those who failed to respond, and great is the joy of all those who performed their part. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver," has an added meaning after we have given our part, that it does not have before.

THE ROLL OF HONOR

The following are those who contributed on Giving Sunday:

\$62.00—Agenda Class.

\$50.00—Rev. W. H. Schaaf, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Close, J. W. Brewer, Frank Leikauf.

\$30.00—The Sunday School, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Baumgartner.

\$25.00—Heidelberg Class, Valentine Monn, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Dinger, Henry Kessler, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rudisill, Mrs. C. A. Romy.

\$15.50—True Blue Class.

\$15.00—E. A. Heyman, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Koepf, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Scherer.

\$10.00—Mrs. J. H. Grupe, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Clippinger, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Aiken, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Siebold, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Straub, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Payne, Miss Bertha Weikert, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Paff, L. Liniger, C. G. Didrick, Mrs. More, Edward Chausse, S. D. Zeis and family, Mrs. H. Pentz, C. Killpatrick, Elizabeth Rudisill, Calvin H. Ruhl.

\$6.21—Cash offering.

HOPE HOSPITAL

This church is a member of Hope Hospital organization and it is our duty to support this institution. The equipment of Hope Hospital in its new location is second to none, the nurses are competent and efficient, and the management through the directors (two from each church in the organization) and the executive board, composed of some of the best business men of the city, is assurance to you that the interests of the patients and property will be most carefully looked after.

The often-heard statement, made by many people that their particular family physician could not or did not receive satisfactory attention is now a thing of the past. All are familiar with the controversy that has now fortunately been adjusted and which, like a thunderstorm, has cleared the atmosphere, so that the assurance of the Board that Hope Hospital is open to all reputable physicians and surgeons with special favors to none, should assure the hospital a wide patronage among the people of the churches represented and the public at large. If it is necessary for you or a member of your family to go to a hospital, tell your physician—and insist upon it—that you will support and patronize your own institution, HOPE HOSPITAL.

\$5.00—Mr. and Mrs. Copenhaver, Mr. and Mrs. Mullen, Mr. Riley, Miss Carrie Quigley, S. S. Class, Mr. and Mrs. J. Benton, Elmer Payne, Otto W. Nyffler, C. E. Society, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maisel, Mildred Wertman, Mrs. J. R. Bitner, Miss Lulu Bitner, Mrs. John Sessler, Mrs. John Schneider, W. H. Burgett, Charles Knight, A. Jones, Hazel Gooley, Emma Bercot, Mrs. Sarah Knight, Mrs. Gooley and daughter Loretta, Mr. and Mrs. Guebard, Louis E. Martin, Mrs. Kaeck, R. S. Deahl, Luke E. Durnell, Mrs. H. A. Bryant, Elsie Weikert, Ruth More, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Shiffer, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Crum, Mrs. W. H. Burgett.

\$4.00—Altuist Class.

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OUR LEADING LADIES

The ladies of the church—not the young ladies nor the real young ladies—but THE ladies, have a Bible class all their own, and they call it the Zwingly Class. Mr. H. F. Koepf is teacher, and a very good one. These ladies thought they were not literary enough to furnish a write-up for the Visitor, but—bless them—they did do it, and you will see them shine on the very first page. We challenge any church to present a better-looking lot of ladies—yes, this includes Mr. Koepf—than those who are on the roll, and are making things hum in the Zwingly Class. Take a second look at them—our ladies who always lead—and then agree with us.

DOES THIS MEAN YOU?

Speaking about going to Sunday School, how often do we hear folks say that they do not go to Sunday School because they “do not get any good out of it”? As a rule it is seen that those who “cannot get any good” out of Sunday School are the kind of church members who do not get much good out of any kind of church work. If you will stop to think a minute you will know it is true. Activity in the Church and Sunday School is one phase of life that requires somethnig more than a mere soaking in of what others give us. It requires first of all a desire to be of real service. This desire in itself will make the work interesting. The young man or young woman, old man or old woman, who prefers taking it easy Sunday mornings to getting up on time and attending Sunday School has no such desire, and therefore it is easy to see why work in the Sunday

School is not more interesting. Then it requires a willingness to make some sacrifices. There are too many church members who think that the road to Heaven is a path of roses, and think if they do not work and make the necessary sacrifices somebody else will. It is true that if you do not do the work that God would have you do, some other good soul who is already doing more than his or her share will try to do it if possible, but according to the work to be done the laborers are few, and some things are not going to be done if you do not do them. O friend, what can you be thinking of when you neglect your church work? What does your Heavenly Father think of you? And if Sunday School is not interesting, what are you doing to make it interesting? The responsibility of the superintendent and teacher is no greater than yours, which is not lessened by the fact that you stay away from Sunday School. If you are not now convinced, get down on your knees and pray over it and become convinced, then take up your share of the work and be blest in doing it.

THE LADIES' WORK

The Doremus Guild met on Thursday, August 2nd, in the lecture rooms of the church. A Penny Supper was given in the evening from 5:00 to 8:00 o'clock.

The Woman's Missionary Society will meet at the home of Mrs. George Hessert on Thursday, August 16th. Everybody is asked to be present and come prepared for the study hour.

The September meeting of the Doremus Guild will be held in the lecture rooms of the church on September 6th. It is already time to prepare for the Christmas sale, and there is so much other work to do that a full attendance is earnestly requested.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

W. F. Close, Supt.

AGENDA CLASS BANQUET

The fourth annual banquet of the Young Men's Agenda Class was held on Tuesday evening, July 10th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Aiken, on Columbia Avenue, and was perhaps the most lively affair of the kind ever held by the Class. The attendance was not as large as it has been, but enthusiasm made up for any lack of numbers. The bill of fare was typical of Agenda banquets, and demonstrated the ability of the social committee chairman—and the chairman's wife—to satisfy the appetites of sixteen hungry Agendas. After dinner was served the Class listened to talks by Rev. Schaaf, Mr. Shiffer, Ernest Baumgartner, Clarence Aiken, Floyd Siebold, and others, with Ray Deahl, the class-president, acting as toastmaster in a most happy way. As a fitting climax, the Class quickly raised sixty dollars as the Class contribution for Giving Sunday.

The absence of two familiar faces emphasized the changes time has made in the Class. Earl Dinger is engaged in Y. M. C. A. work in New York, and "Bob" Bitner has answered the call of his country, and the Class is proud of the fact that it has representing it young men of such sterling character.

Those present were: Rev. Schaaf, Ray Deahl, Oscar Deahl, Clarence Aiken, Ralph Siebold, Floyd Siebold, George Shiffer, Ernest Baumgartner, Freeman Chausse, Albert Chausse, Kenneth Campbell, Darrell Copenhaver, Arthur Fritz, Louis Linninger, Oscar Riley and Walter Riley.

Agenda Activities

The Agenda business meeting was held on Friday evening, July 27th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Fessler, 1414 Oakland Street. Mr. Oscar Deahl was host. There was a good attendance, and a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

Who said the Agenda boys are not live wires? Look at that contribution on Giving Day.

Another of our number has joined the ranks. Not for Uncle Sam exactly—but the ranks of the Benedicts. For further information see Arthur Fritz.

Mr. Darrell Copenhaver has volunteered to teach Robert Bitner's class during his absence. We wish him success.

Anyone wanting pointers about profitable poultry raising should attend the Agenda Class meetings. While we don't know anything about poultry raising, one might gain some valuable hints from our arguments.

Mr. Wendall, who resides in the country east of Geneva, Indiana, visited the boys of the Agenda Class Sunday, June 24th. He says that he is an "exhorter" in the Methodist church, which work is preliminary to entering the ministry.

Rev. Schaaf spent a very pleasant vacation during June with friends in North Carolina, and on his return stopped over in Philadelphia, where he enjoyed a visit in his former parish.

Last month we told you something about our financial achievement so far this year. We are more than proud that the Sunday School was able to make a liberal payment toward the special improvement fund raised on July 15th.

The Mary B. Hoy Missionary Circle met at the home of Mrs. Leikauf, on Washington boulevard East, Monday evening, July 9th. Miss Ruth Gumpfer had charge of the devotion and lesson study. The meeting proved very interesting to all and during the evening six new members were added to our enrollment. This study class is for all the young ladies of the church and a welcome is extended to all who may care to come. Mrs. Bertha Weikert has charge of August meeting.

TRUE BLUE CLASS

Our second annual picnic was held at Robison Park, July 18. We took our suppers and spent the evening. All had a fine time. Most of the girls are on their vacations this month. Our pledge was \$15.50 to the church fund. Mrs. Close's class presented the church with a very pretty flower basket, which had been badly needed for some time.

PROGREDA CLASS

Have you seen the new flower basket? This was presented to the church by our class on Giving Day. Our president has donated the flowers to fill it the past two Sundays. The best way to show your appreciation of this gift is to keep it filled with flowers.

The July meeting of the Class was held at the home of Mrs. Ray Deahl, and all present had a most enjoyable time.

DAVID'S COMPANIONS

This interesting class of boys is one of our latest additions, being promoted from the primary department the first of the year. Mr. Robert Bitner has been their teacher but since his enlistment with Uncle Sam's Hospital Corps, Rev. Schaaf has taught them, Mr. Baumgartner substituting while Mr. Schaaf was out of the city.

At the last meeting of the Agenda Class, the matter of providing a teacher from among their number was taken up and we are pleased to announce that Mr. Darrell Copenhaver will act as the representative of the Agenda Class. We wish him a large measure of success in his work with these boys.

"Giving Day" was also a day of blessings received to all who participated.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Close, of Washington boulevard East, and Mr. and Mrs. DeHaven, of Crescent avenue, are enjoying a motor trip to Detroit and other points for a few weeks.

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C. E. TOPICS FOR AUGUST

August 5th—How Men Cheat Themselves. (Prov. 14:12; Psalms 1: 1-6.)

Reports from Hammond convention.

Leaders—Elma Ruck and Agnes Riley.

Aug. 12th—The Sin of Gossip and Scandal. (Psalms 120:17; Exodus 20: 16.)

Leader: Prayer meeting committee.

Aug. 19th—A Definite Purpose and the Success It Wins. (I Kings 9:1-9.)

Leader: Lulu Bitner.

Aug. 26th—Thou Shalt Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself. (Gal. 5:13-26.) Temperance Topic.

Leader: Ernest Baumgartner.

THE ROLL OF HONOR

\$3.00—Mary Wilhelm, Mrs. Boger, and Mrs. Schaich, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Crum, Mr. and Mrs. August Fritz.

\$2.00—Mrs. Elmer Payne, Mrs. Boeger, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roth, Vera Sessler, Mrs. Hessert, Mrs. J. P. Schlaudroff, Myagi Class, Mrs. V. Kanning, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Adams, Anna Doerner, Mr. and Mrs. John Ruch, Mrs. D. J. Merilott, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Null, Mrs. George Trautman, Ellen Weikart.

\$1.50—Mrs. Shada.

\$1.00—Mrs. E. F. Siebold, Mrs. Potts, Mrs. Sam Frederick, Mrs. W. A. Cory.

50 cents—Mrs. Walda, Mae Siebold.

There are other contributions not yet reported, and these will appear in next month's Visitor.

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